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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing references that are also enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 and before the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311. A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is set forth below. Thus, no fee is required as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2)

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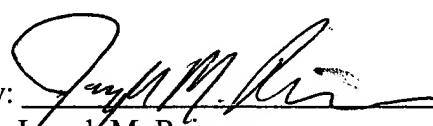
The enclosed reference, U.S. Patent No. 6,238,683 is believed to not be relevant to patentability, as it is believed to be essentially cumulative of references already before the Examiner including, for example, U.S. Patent No. 5,843,411 to Hernandez, et al., and PCT Publication No. WO 93/00015, to Kalamazoo Holdings, which were, respectfully, disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on June 26, 2000, and cited by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed January 18, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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